Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

General Notices

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(No. 12 2004)

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

SUMMARY: Presented herein are the copyrights, trademarks, and trade names recorded with U.S. Customs and Border Protection during the month of December 2004. The last notice was published in the CUSTOMS BULLETIN on December 29, 2004.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Delois Johnson, Paralegal, Intellectual Property Rights Branch, (202) 572–8710.

Dated: February 10, 2005.

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AGENCY INFORMATION COLLECTION ACTIVITIES: Report of Loss, Detention, or Accident by Bonded Carrier, Cartman, Lighterman, Foreign Trade Zone Operator, or Centralized Examination Station Operator

AGENCY: Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of the Department of Homeland Security has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995: Report of Loss, Detention, or Accident by Bonded Carrier, Cartman, Lighterman, Foreign Trade Zone Operator, or Centralized Examination Station Operator. This is a proposed extension of an information collection that was previously approved. CBP is proposing that this information collection be extended with no change to the burden hours. This document is published to obtain comments form the public and affected agencies. This proposed information collection was previously published in the Federal Register (69 FR 56446-56447) on September 21, 2004, allowing for a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 17, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Department of Homeland Security Desk Officer, Washington, D.C. 20503. Additionally comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to (202) 395–6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) encourages the general public and affected Federal agencies to submit written comments and suggestions on proposed and/or continuing information collection requests pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L.104–13). Your comments should address one of the following four points:

 Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency/component, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies/components estimate of the burden of The proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Title: Report of Loss, Detention, or Accident by Bonded Carrier, Cartman, Lighterman, Foreign Trade Zone Operator, or Centralized Examination Station Operator

OMB Number: 1651–0066

Form Number: N/A

Abstract: This collection is required to ensure that any loss or detention of bonded merchandise, or any accident happening to a vehicle or lighter while carrying bonded merchandise shall be immediately reported by the cartman, lighterman, qualified bonded carrier, foreign trade zone operator, bonded warehouse proprietor, container station operator or centralized examination station operator are properly reported to the port director

Current Actions: There are no changes to the information collection. This submission is being submitted to extend the expiration date.

Type of Review: Extension (without change)

Affected Public: Businesses, Individuals, Institutions

Estimated Number of Respondents: 325

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 37 minutes

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 200

Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public: \$8,000

If additional information is required contact: Tracey Denning, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 3.2.C, Washington, D.C. 20229, at 202–344–1429.

Dated: February 8, 2005

TRACEY DENNING, Agency Clearance Officer, Information Services Branch.

[Published in the Federal Register, February 15, 2005 (70 FR 7753)]

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS. *Washington, DC, February 16, 2005,* The following documents of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection ("CBP"), Office of Regulations and Rulings, have been determined to be of sufficient interest to the public and CBP field offices to merit publication in the CUSTOMS BULLETIN.

MICHAEL T. SCHMITZ, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Regulations and Rulings.

19 CFR PART 177

PROPOSED REVOCATION OF RULING LETTER AND TREATMENT RELATING TO THE TARIFF CLASSIFICATION OF PROTAMINE SULFATE

AGENCY: Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security

ACTION: Notice of proposed revocation of tariff classification ruling letter and treatment relating to the classification of Protamine Sulfate.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 625(c), Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1625 (c)), as amended by section 623 of Title VI (Customs Modernization) of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103–182, 107 Stat. 2057), this notice advises interested parties that Customs and Border Protection (CBP) intends to revoke a ruling concerning the tariff classification of Protamine Sulfate, under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Similarly, CBP intends to revoke any treatment previously accorded by CBP to substantially identical transactions. Comments are invited on the correctness of the proposed actions.

DATE: Comments must be received on or before April 1, 2005.

ADDRESS: Written comments are to be addressed to Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Office of Regulation and Rulings, Attention: Regulations Branch, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20229. Comments submitted may be inspected at 799 9th St. N.W. during regular business hours. Arrangements to in-

spect submitted comments should be made in advance by calling Joseph Clark at (202) 572–8768.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Allyson Mattanah, General Classification Branch, (202) 572–8784.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 8, 1993, Title VI (Customs Modernization), of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103-182, 107 Stat. 2057) (hereinafter "Title VI"), became effective. Title VI amended many sections of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and related laws. Two new concepts which emerge from the law are "informed compliance" and "shared responsibility." These concepts are premised on the idea that in order to maximize voluntary compliance with customs laws and regulations, the trade community needs to be clearly and completely informed of its legal obligations. Accordingly, the law imposes a greater obligation on CBP to provide the public with improved information concerning the trade community's responsibilities and rights under the Customs and related laws. In addition, both the trade and CBP share responsibility in carrying out import requirements. For example, under section 484 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. §1484), the importer of record is responsible for using reasonable care to enter, classify and value imported merchandise, and provide any other information necessary to enable CBP to properly assess duties, collect accurate statistics and determine whether any other applicable legal requirement is met.

Pursuant to section 625(c)(1), Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1625 (c)(1)), as amended by section 623 of Title VI (Customs Modernization) of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103–182, 107 Stat. 2057), this notice advises interested parties that CBP intends to revoke a ruling pertaining to the tariff classification of Protamine Sulfate. Although in this notice CBP is specifically referring to New York Ruling Letter (NY) K81624, dated December 23, 2003, this notice covers any rulings on this merchandise which may exist but have not been specifically identified. CBP has undertaken reasonable efforts to search existing databases for rulings in addition to the one identified. No further rulings have been found. This notice will cover any rulings on this merchandise that may exist but have not been specifically identified. Any party who has received an interpretive ruling or decision (i.e., ruling letter, internal advice memorandum or decision or protest review decision) on the merchandise subject to this notice should advise CBP during this notice period.

Similarly, pursuant to section 625(c)(2), Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1625(c)(2)), as amended by section 623 of Title VI, CBP in-

tends to revoke any treatment previously accorded by CBP to substantially identical transactions. This treatment may, among other reasons, be the result of the importer's reliance on a ruling issued to a third party, CBP personnel applying a ruling of a third party to importations of the same or similar merchandise, or the importer's or CBP's previous interpretation of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Any person involved in substantially identical transactions should advise CBP during this notice period. An importer's failure to advise CBP of substantially identical transactions or of a specific ruling not identified in this notice may raise issues of reasonable care on the part of the importer or his agents for importations of merchandise subsequent to this notice.

In NY K81624, the merchandise was classified in subheading 3504.00.50, HTSUS, the provision for "Peptones and their derivatives; other protein substances and their derivatives, not elsewhere specified or included; hide powder, whether or not chromed: Other." NY K81624 is set forth as Attachment A to this document.

CBP, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1625(c)(1), intends to revoke NY K81624 and any other ruling not specifically identified, to reflect the proper classification of the merchandise pursuant to the analysis set forth in proposed HQ 967368, which is set forth as Attachment B to this document. Additionally, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1625(c)(2), CBP intends to revoke any treatment previously accorded by CBP to substantially identical transactions. Before taking this action, consideration will be given to any written comments timely received.

Dated: February 9, 2005

John Elkins for Myles B. Harmon, Director, Commercial Rulings Division.

Attachments

[ATTACHMENT A]

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. BUREAU OF CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, NY K81624 **December 23, 2003** CLA-2-35:RR:NC:2:238 K81624 **CATEGORY:** Classification

TARIFF NO.: 3504.00.5000

Ms. RACHELLE SMITH NIPPON EXPRESS USA, INC. 95 N. Division Street Bensenville, IL 60106

RE: The tariff classification of Protamine Sulfate (CAS-9009-65-8), imported in bulk form, from Japan

DEAR MS. SMITH:

In your letter dated November 27, 2003, on behalf of your client, Yuki Gosei Kogyo Co., Ltd., you requested a tariff classification ruling.

According to the official monograph appearing in the 2003 edition of The United States Pharmacopeia (USP 26/NF 21), Protamine Sulfate is defined as "[a] purified mixture of simple protein principles obtained from the sperm or testes of suitable species of fish, which has the property of neutralizing heparin." The 20th edition of Remington, The Science and Practice of Pharmacy (at page 422) indicates that Protamines, along with Albumins, Globulins, Glutelins, Prolamines, Albuminoids and Histones, belong to the class of proteins referred to as "Simple proteins." Protamine Sulfate is indicated for use in the formulation of various insulin preparations for the treatment of diabetes, and as a heparin antidote. You indicate in your letter that the subject product will be imported in 1 kg and 10 kg sealed polyethylene bags. The 1 kg bags will, in turn, be packed in sealed polyethylene bottles with screw-down caps, while the 10 kg bags will, in turn, be packed in sealed tin cans with tin caps.

You opine that the subject product should be classified as "Extracts of glands or other organs or of their secretions" in subheading 3001.20.0000. We disagree. In our opinion, Protamine Sulfate is properly classified as an other protein substance, based on its being structurally akin (i.e., a simple protein) to several of the exemplars (i.e., simple proteins) enumerated in Explanatory Note 35.04(B), HTS [see, for example, exemplars "(1)" thru "(4)"]. The applicable subheading for Protamine Sulfate, imported in bulk form, will be 3504.00.5000, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS), which provides for, inter alia, other protein substances and their derivatives, not elsewhere specified or included. The rate of duty will be 4 percent ad valorem. The rate of duty will remain the same in 2004, This merchandise may be subject to the requirements of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, which is administered by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. You may contact them at 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, telephone number 301-443-1544.

This ruling is being issued under the provisions of Part 177 of the Customs Regulations (19 C.F.R. 177).

A copy of the ruling or the control number indicated above should be provided with the entry documents filed at the time this merchandise is imported. If you have any questions regarding the ruling, contact National Import Specialist Harvey Kuperstein at 646-733-3033.

> ROBERT B. SWIERUPSKI, Director; National Commodity Specialist Division.

[ATTACHMENT B]

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. BUREAU OF CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, HQ 967368 CLA-2 RR:CR:GC 967368AM CATEGORY: Classification TARIFF NO.: 3001.20.0000

MS. RACHELLE SMITH NIPPON EXPRESS USA, INC. CHICAGO AIR CARGO BRANCH 95 N. Division St. Bensenville, Il 60106

Re: Revocation of NY K81624; Protamine Sulfate (CAS 9009–65–8), imported in bulk form

DEAR MS. SMITH:

This is in reference to New York Ruling Letter (NY) K81624, dated December 23, 2003, regarding the classification of Protamine Sulfate, pursuant to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States Annotated (HTSUSA). In that ruling, we classified the substance in subheading 3504.00.50, HTSUS, the provision for "Peptones and their derivatives; other protein substances and their derivatives, not elsewhere specified or included; hide powder, whether or not chromed: Other." We have reviewed the ruling and find it to be incorrect. This ruling sets forth the correct classification.

FACTS:

Protamine Sulfate is a polypeptide with specific amino acid sequences, extracted and isolated from salmon milt obtained from the testes of the fish. It is used in Insulin preparations for the treatment of Diabetes and as a Heparin antagonist in the treatment of clotting disorders. NY K81624 states that the subject product will be imported in 1 kg and 10 kg sealed polyethylene bags. The 1 kg bags will, in turn, be packed in sealed polyethylene bottles with screw-down caps, while the 10 kg bags will, in turn, be packed in sealed tin cans with tin caps.

ISSUE:

Whether Protamine Sulfate is an extract of a gland for organotherapeutic use, under heading 3001, HTSUS, or a protein substance, not elsewhere specified or included under heading 3504, HTSUS.

LAW AND ANALYSIS:

Merchandise imported into the U.S. is classified under the HTSUS. Tariff classification is governed by the principles set forth in the General Rules of Interpretation (GRIs) and, in the absence of special language or context that requires otherwise, by the Additional U.S. Rules of Interpretation. The GRIs and the Additional U.S. Rules of Interpretation are part of the HTSUS and are to be considered statutory provisions of law.

GRI 1 requires that classification be determined first according to the terms of the headings of the tariff schedule and any relative section or chapter notes and, unless otherwise required, according to the remaining GRIs taken in order. GRI 6 requires that the classification of goods in the subheadings of headings shall be determined according to the terms of those subheadings, any related subheading notes and *mutatis mutandis*, to the GRIs.

In interpreting the HTSUS, the Explanatory Notes (ENs) of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System may be utilized. The ENs, although not dispositive or legally binding, provide a commentary on the scope of each heading, and are generally indicative of the proper interpretation of the HTSUS. *See* T.D. 89–80, 54 Fed. Reg. 35127 (August 23, 1989).

The HTSUS provisions under consideration are:

- 3001: Glands and other organs for organotherapeutic uses, dried, whether or not powdered; extracts of glands or other organs or of their secretions for organotherapeutic uses; heparin and its salts; other human or animal substances prepared for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, not elsewhere specified or included:
- 3001.20.00 Extracts of glands or other organs or of their secretions.....
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- 3504 Peptones and their derivatives; other protein substances and their derivatives, not elsewhere specified or included; hide powder, whether or not chromed:

3504.00.50 Other

The pertinent Explanatory Notes to heading 3001, read as follows:

This heading covers :

- (A) Glands and other organs of animal origin for organotherapeutic uses (e.g., the brain, spinal cord, liver, kidneys, spleen, pancreas, mammary glands, testes, ovaries), dried, whether or not powdered.
- (B) Extracts of glands or other organs or of their secretions for organo-therapeutic uses, obtained by solvent extraction, precipitation, coagulation or by any other process. These extracts

may be in solid, semi-solid or liquid form, or in solution or suspension in any media necessary for their preservation.

The EN to heading 3504 states, in pertinent part, that:

This heading covers:

- (B) **Other protein substances and their derivatives**, not covered by a more specific heading in the Nomenclature, including in particular:
 - (1) Glutelins and prolamins
 - (2) **Globulins**,
 - (3) **Glycinin**,
 - (4) **Keratins**
 - (5) Nucleoprodeids,
 - (6) **Protein isolates**

"Webster's Third New International Dictionary, unabridged (1968) defines the term 'organotherapeutic' as 'of, relating to, or used in organotherapy'. The term 'organotherapy' is defined as 'a treatment of disease by the administration of animal organs or of their extracts.' Other dictionaries contain similar definitions." (HQ 957738, dated July 19, 1996). Protamine Sulfate is derived from the testes of fish. This gland is included in EN 30.01 as one of the glands from which extracts of that heading may be derived. Protamine Sulfate is used in the medical treatment of diabetes and clotting disorders. Hence, it is described by the terms of heading 3001, HTSUS, as a glandular extract for organo-therapeutic uses. As such, it is precluded from classification in heading 3504, HTSUS, because it is specified elsewhere.

HOLDING:

Protamine Sulfate is classified in subheading 3001.20.0000, HTSUSA (Annotated), the provision for "Glands and other organs for organotherapeutic uses, dried, whether or not powdered; extracts of glands or other organs or of their secretions for organotherapeutic uses; heparin and its salts; other human or animal substances prepared for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, not elsewhere specified or included: Extracts of glands or of other organs or their secretions." The 2005 column 1, "General" duty rate is free.

Duty rates are provided for your convenience and are subject to change. The text of the most recent HTSUS and the accompanying duty rates are provided on the World Wide Web at www.usitc.gov.

EFFECT ON OTHER RULINGS:

NY K81624, dated December 23, 2003, is revoked in accordance with this ruling.

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